

FOR DEFENSE OF THE COAST.

REPORT TO SECRETARY HERBERT BY A NAVAL BOARD.

ITS SESSION WAS SECRET.

The Order for Plans Issued in View of Possible Trouble With a Foreign Power.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A report has just been submitted to Secretary Herbert by a board of naval officers outlining a plan of defense of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast in case of war.

The board met secretly and consisted of Admirals Ramsay and Bunce, Capt. Sampson and Taylor and Lieut. Wainwright. Inasmuch as this board was organized by order dated Aug. 19, last, and convened by virtue of that order, the meeting has no relation to the present state of foreign relations.

The plans of defense considered were originally prepared at the Naval War College at Newport, R. I. The order for the examination and revision of plans was issued in view of possible trouble with a foreign power. The Secretary of the Navy desires that the board was assembled on account of possible complications with Spain, but declares that plans for coast defense would have been prepared at this time whether our foreign relations were serene or strained.

The fact that the board met and submitted its report while the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was declaring for the independence of Cuba lends additional interest to the plans adopted.

The plans are said to have been operation at the war college for three years, and have been revised in some particulars and approved by the highest authorities in the navy. They provide for the defense of the Atlantic Coast from Delaware to Cape Cod, from Cape Cod to the Potomac, Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Me., for the southern part of the Atlantic Coast and for the entire Gulf coast.

It is also said that the board considered and reported to the Secretary of the Navy on the distribution of the North Atlantic squadron and the assignment of the various vessels of that great squadron in case of war. The strength of the navy, including the ships in commission and those laid up, is discussed in the report.

One of the important features of the board's deliberations was the question of auxiliary cruisers for use in connection with the naval vessels in case of emergency. There are twelve vessels of this class between ports on the North Atlantic Coast which have been subsidized by the Government and are available for means of defense in case of war. These ships range from the St. Louis, with 1,650 tons, to the displacement, to the Philadelphia, with 2,530 tons. The proposed batteries of these merchant ships include all guns up to 6-inch caliber. But few of these guns have been completed. The number is being increased each year, and the guns are stored at a port which would be convenient for the vessel for which they are intended.

The conclusions of this board are undoubtedly of great importance, but will not, probably, be revealed by Secretary Herbert unless it should be necessary to put the recommendations into operation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Commander R. H. Buckingham, U. S. N., came from Washington and attended a meeting of the Second Provisional Naval Militia, established in New York, at Brooklyn last night. He represented the Secretary of the Navy. In telling of the great service the naval militia might lend to the regular navy in case of war, he said the great danger to New York was not that the ships of an enemy fleet would pass the ports at the entrance to the harbor, but that the enemy would land and on out of range of our guns and blockade the port, putting a stop to commerce.

The Navy Department has been planning to have a flotilla of thirty or forty torpedo boats in the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. These could be ordered and manned in great part by our naval militia. The Navy Department is counting on the naval militia to help in case of sudden emergency to protect her seaboard cities, and in case of an outbreak might mobilize all the naval militia organizations in the country at one point.

The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway will sell round trip tickets at very low rates to all points in Central Passenger Committee territory on Dec. 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1, good returning Jan. 4, 1899. Ticket office, 106 North Broadway and Union Station.

J. WILL GUNN'S WILL.

Large Property Divided Among the Deceased's Relatives.

The will of the late J. Will Gunn, President of the Gunn Fruit Co., was filed Wednesday.

It leaves to the widow, Mrs. Augusta C. Gunn, all the household effects, and horses and vehicles left by the deceased. The remainder of the estate is left to William A. Gunn, father of the deceased, in trust until the youngest child reaches the age of 21. Out of the income \$1,200 a year is to be paid Mrs. Gunn as long as she remains a widow, and \$600 for every child of the deceased she supports.

When a niece of the deceased, Pearl Moore, becomes 12 years old, she is to be paid \$100 a year until 21. At the final distribution, Mrs. Gunn is to receive one-half the estate, and the children the other half. Mrs. Gunn is to occupy the family residence, 367 Cook avenue, rent free. Wm. A. Gunn is named as executor.

Call at the Wash Ticket Office

For information about through sleeping car line to Los Angeles, Cal.

GREWSOME RELIC.

Mrs. Stamboulouff Has Her Dead Husband's Hands in Her Boudoir.

SOFIA, Dec. 22.—The trial of the alleged assassin of ex-Premier Stamboulouff is proceeding slowly. Mrs. Stamboulouff was not present this morning.

A newspaper draws attention to the fact that Mrs. Stamboulouff has her late husband's hands (which were so terribly mutilated by the knives of his enemies, preserved in her room, in which he died. They are crossed like a pair of fencing gloves under a glass case, above which hangs a photograph of the mutilated corpse.

Wash Line Holiday Rates.

At 1897-78 will be as low as ever between all stations. Tickets will be sold December 24, 25, 26, and January 1, 1899, good returning until January 4, 1899.

Desertion, Then Divorce.

Judge Withrow Wednesday granted Theodore Bruner a divorce from Andrea Bruner, to whom she was married April 23, 1892. She charged him with desertion and non-support. She was permitted to resume her maiden name, Wolfman.

Sporting Goods...

AMMUNITION, STRIKING BAGS, BOXING GLOVES,

GUNS, SKATES, FOOTBALLS, GOLF CLUBS, ETC., at BOTTOM PRICES.

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FREE—A pair of adjustable steel club skates goes free with every Boys' Suit or Overcoat at \$2.50 or higher.

LONG PANTS SUITS

For Ages 14 to 19.

Boys' All-Wool Single-Breasted Suits that would be called cheap in other stores at \$5.00, we sell at.....

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Boys' Single and Double-Breasted All-Wool Suits—sold generally at \$6.50, we sell at.....

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Boys' Suits of finest fabrics—elegantly cut and trimmed—such as are usually sold at \$9.50 to \$12.50, we sell at.....

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Long Pants.....

Good ones at.....

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Good ones—all wool—at.....

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KNEE PANTS.

Good Knee Pants for.....

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Best qualities at \$1.00 and at.....

75c

Get the Boy a Reefer

FOR XMAS!

What's the use of robbing him of so comfortable a thing when we sell good ones as low as.....

\$1.50

Boys' All-Wool Handsome Overcoats and Ulsters in light blue, brown, and navy blue, with fur collars, and Beavers in Blue, Black, Brown and Tan, made beautifully made, stylishly cut and perfect in fit, as low as.....

\$2.00

KNEE-PANT SUITS.

Boys' good, strong, serviceable Knee-Pant Suits (for ages to 15), at.....

95c

A splendid line of Boys' Knee-Pant Suits, at.....

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Boys' All-Wool Knee-Pant Suits, beautifully made and trimmed, that would be called cheap in other stores at \$2.50, \$3.00, and at.....

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YOU WILL NEED A NEW HAT FOR XMAS!

We Make It Easy to Buy.

40 dozen Men's Black and Boys' Black and Boys' Fedora Hats, with white silk lining, worth \$1.50 regularly, Thursday for.....

98c

200 dozen Men's Latest Style Derby and Fedora Hats, in black and brown, same as you pay \$2 and \$2.50 for in regular hat stores, at the Fair Thursday for.....

\$1.65

Thursday we will sell Boys' Fine Silk Plush Caps in Brighton, Turban and Stanley shapes, worth \$1.00, for.....

50c

Thursday we will sell Boys' All-Wool, Chinchilla Turban Caps, with pull-down bands, worth 50c, for.....

25c

Thursday we will sell Men's Corduroy Caps in Brighton shapes, in blue, brown and gray, worth 50c, for.....

38c

READY TO ACT.

The Squadrons of the Powers May Be Seen in the Bosphorus Within a Few Days.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—As frequently announced from various capitals since the visit of the Czar to the Queen at Balmoral in September last, the Powers have finally become convinced that the Sultan's promises amount to nothing and they are determined to begin a policy of coercion. All information points to the accuracy of the news received to-day from Constantinople and cables to the Associated Press.

The Marquis of Salisbury on Monday last summoned the Ambassadors to the Foreign Office and communicated to them the views of the British Government on the definite proposals of Russia for joint intervention, and that each Ambassador might communicate them to his own Government and thus enable the representatives of the powers at Constantinople to be properly instructed.

There is reason to believe that unless the Sultan within the next ten days shows a deference of which at present he is little worthy, decisive steps will be undertaken in the name of the joint powers.

In this connection the Novo Vremya of St. Petersburg says it is probable that within a few days the Russian Black Sea fleet will be joined by the squadrons of the other powers from the Bosphorus.

PRINCE JOSEPH'S DIVORCE SUIT.

Tried Behind Closed Doors and Adjourned to Jan. 1.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—According to a Brussels dispatch to the Chronicle, the action for divorce by Prince Joseph of Chimay-Carman, in Belgium, against his wife, who was formerly Miss Clara Ward, daughter of Capt. Eber B. Ward of Detroit, was commenced on Monday before the civil tribunal at Charleroi. The case was tried behind closed doors, after a statement of the case by M. Delcroix of the Prince's

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These values stagger belief! Think of a Nobby All-Wool Suit, properly cut and made for \$7.35! Why, the making would ordinarily come to more. Neat checks, broken plaids and tasteful mixtures, in Cassimeres and Cheviots—suits that look right and will wear right—and the whole price on them is only.....

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Here's another incredible price! Men's suits of Elegant Imported Cheviots, Cassimeres, Overplaids and Plain and Fancy Worsteds—cut by swell tailors and made up for the trade of careful dressers—perfectly trimmed and finished with every last improvement known to the high-class tailor—absolutely equal in fit, fabric and fashion to any suit ever produced at double the price, and all we ask for them is.....

\$9.90



Thursday Evening (Xmas Eve)

"The Fair" will keep open till 11 o'clock, supplying the people with the immense values which have made our name a household word!

MEN'S OVERCOATS AND ULSTERS AT \$7.50.

The time was when such a Coat would have cost three times the price and not been so good! Here are handsome storm-defying Overcoats and Ulsters of Melton, Beaver, Chinchilla and Kersey—in all the colors—with plain and fancy wool body linings—velvet and wide storm collars—splendidly put together by skilled tailors—and all we ask for them is.....

\$7.50

MEN'S OVERCOATS AND ULSTERS AT \$10.00.

To-morrow's Sale will give you in this line the greatest values of this generation! Overcoats and Ulsters of fine Kersey, Meltons, Beaver and Chinchillas, in every desirable color and every good style—single and double breasted—Coats that hang right and fit—Coats that will keep the weather off you—coats that you will never wear out, and The Fair's price is only.....

\$10.00

A Pants Sale That Saves You Dollars!

Out of the 2600 pairs of Men's Pants that we bought so well from the Loth Clothing Co. last week only about 1200 pairs remain. We have been simply overrun with Pants customers since this sale begun. Those who bought have spread the news broadcast, and a great many, struck with the rare opportunity, have laid in a supply—in some instances as many as three pairs going to a single customer. The name of the Loth Clothing Co. is a sufficient guarantee of their goodness—of their cut and fit—and of their wearing qualities.

This Is Your Trousers Opportunity!

All Loth's strictly All-wool Cassimere and Cheviot Pants, in neat stripes, checks and broken mixtures, that sell usually for \$3.00 a pair, we offer to-morrow at.....

\$1.95

All Loth's finer All-wool Cheviot and Cassimere Pants, in neat small stripes, checks, plaids and quiet mixtures—suitable for business wear—usually sold at \$3.50 and \$4 pr, to-morrow

\$2.45

All Loth's Fine Dress Pants—of imported fabrics—cut in very latest style—trimmed and finished elegantly—such Pants as sell regularly at \$5.00 a pair, we offer to-morrow at.....

\$2.95

A Merry Xmas

And a Happy New Year to You and Yours, is the sincere wish of "The Fair."



Our Gift Window

Is the attraction of the town! Have you examined the numbers? You may have the winner.

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ST. LOUIS' GREATEST DEPARTMENT STORE.

LAST CHANCE AT SLIPPERS.



Seventh St. and Franklin Av.

Men's Velvet Slippers, nicely embroidered in silk, worth 60c a pair, Holiday Sale Price.....

39c

Men's Velvet Slippers in several styles, prettily embroidered in chenille, worth \$1.00 a pair, Holiday Sale Price.....

59c

Men's Silk Plush Slippers in a variety of colors, same as you pay \$2.00 for usually, Holiday Sale Price.....

98c

Men's Romeo and Faust Slippers, a handsome assortment, worth regularly \$2.50 a pair, Holiday Sale Price.....

\$1.48

Men's Dongola Everett and Opera Slippers, sold everywhere at \$1.25 a pair, Holiday Sale Price.....

85c

Ladies' Kid Strap Slippers, in pink, blue and white—razor and opera toes, worth \$1.50 a pair regularly, cut for Thursday to.....

\$1.00

Ladies' Fine Vici Kid Button and Lace Shoes—razor, coin and square toes—regular price \$2.50, cut for Thursday to.....

\$1.98

Men's Shoes.

Thursday we will make a 50c reduction on every pair of our Men's Sateen Calf Bats, and Congress Shoes. Every style of toe—every pair guaranteed for wear; our regular price \$2.50; our price for Thursday only.....

\$2.00

Men's Shoes—All our Men's Fine Patent Leather, Enamel Calf, Cordovan Calf and Kangaroo Shoes—all strictly hand-sewed—that we have always sold at \$4.00 and \$5.00 a pair—cut for Thursday to.....

\$3.00

CHRISTMAS SALE OF MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

75 dozen Men's Fancy Web Suspenders, worth 20c a pair, Thursday for.....

10c

75 dozen Men's Fancy Silk Ties and Four-in-Hand Scarfs and Club and Band Bows, worth 50c each, Thursday at.....

25c

30 dozen Men's Fine Dress Kid Gloves, worth \$1.50 a pair, Thursday at.....

98c

15 dozen Men's Cardigan Jackets, worth \$2.50 each, Thursday at.....

\$1.50

\$1.25 Underwear, 58c

HERE'S A CHANCE!

Thursday, just to see how many we can sell, we will offer Men's All-Wool Undershirts and Drawers—the same kind you usually pay \$1.25 per garment for, at.....

58c

Candies at Conrad's...

Chocolates and Bonbons, the very finest, worth 60c a pound, 39c

Chocolates and Bonbons, pure and delicious, worth 60c a pound, 25c

Fine Mixed Candies 10c and 15c lb.

Nuts at Conrad's...

Finest assortment, already put up in neat boxes for convenience.

1-lb. box 15c 5-lb. box 50c

1-lb. box 50c 5-lb. box 250c

Good Mixed Nuts 12 1/2c lb.

Conrad's 629 Locust St. 2713 Franklin Ave. 4779 Delmar Blvd.

DEMAND RECOGNITION.

Boston Conductors and Motormen May Go on Strike.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—The conductors and motormen of the West End Street Railway held meetings in all the divisions last night, which did not terminate until this morning, and voted to demand the formal recognition of the Conductors and Motormen's Union. In case recognition is not accorded by 12 o'clock, to-night the men at the road will be tied up.

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BIG FOUR ROUTE.

To Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, Cleveland, Buffalo and All Intermediate Points.

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INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED.

Earl Russell's House Burned After Threats Were Made.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Earl Russell's residence at Maidenhead, on the Thames, was gutted by fire early this morning.

It is rumored that the fire was of incendiary origin. Since the trial of the Earl's suit against his mother-in-law, Lady Selina Scott, and three male defendants, one of whom, Kast, died recently in jail, Earl Russell has been the recipient of several threatening letters.

TURKS SLAIN BY GREEKS.

An Insurgent Band Kills Eight Officials and Twenty-Four Soldiers.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—An Athens dispatch to the Daily News says that a desperate fight occurred on Sunday at Prophthalas, in the Olympian District, between a Turkish detachment of 90 strong, conveying an investigating committee of eight Turkish officials, and a Greek insurgent band under Veloudas. The whole of the Turkish committee and 24 of the Turkish detachment were killed, the insurgents losing only four killed.

HAYTI IS TRANQUIL.

But a Revolution Seems Bound to Come Later.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special to the Herald from Kingston, Jamaica, says: Matters are tranquil in Hayti, at present, but it is stated that a revolution is bound to come later. The report that the French Government has refused recognition to Gen. Magat, as Haytian Minister to the Republic, is confirmed here. If he should return to Hayti from Paris, Magat may make trouble.

AMBASSADORS READY.

Foreign Ministers at Constantinople Have Their Instructions.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—All the Ambassadors have now received instructions to concert proposals with the view of improving the situation in the Ottoman Empire. The proposals before being submitted to the Sultan will be referred to their respective Governments.

All the Powers, including Russia, as repeatedly announced during the past few months, have agreed in principle to the proposal of the Sultan to send a commission to the Sultan to be reconstituted, but the form of coercion employed will be an emergency arises.

BANK MANAGER'S SUICIDE.

Head of the London Bank in Paris Kills Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the manager of the London Brazilian Bank in Paris committed suicide at the Central Railway Station.

HINT FROM PARIS.

Post of Ambassador at London May Be Vacant for Awhile.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The figure to-day intimates that, owing to the difficulties between France and Great Britain in regard to Egypt and Turkey, the

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its own weight. But the break-down will never come in any case. It will come at the polls or in some nominating convention where the cohesive power of spolia has been exhausted by stress of too many conflicting ambitions.

The Post-Dispatch has been confident since the election that Martin B. Madden will succeed Fifer in the Senate. His defeat is possible, of course, but not probable. The candidacy of Fifer makes both Madden and Carr impossible. Fifer is being run by the machine. Perhaps he don't know it. Perhaps he does. No matter. The machine is killing two dangerous birds with Fifer for a stone.

Congressman Hitt is not really in the race. The selection of Cullom to voice the McKinley policy in Congress is, to the boys, a cross roads sign pointing the way to the Federal trough. And Cullom is of and for the machine.

CLEVELAND INDORSSES OLNEY.
President Cleveland has sent out a semi-official statement that he fully indorses Secretary Olney's interview regarding the Cameron Cuba resolution.

This was to be expected. As the Post-Dispatch said at the time, it was not likely that the Secretary would publish such an unprecedented statement without consulting the President. On general principles, too, it is safe to assume that the cabinet clerk could go so far in expressing contempt for the people and their chosen representatives that Mr. Cleveland would not indorse and applaud his utterances. Neither in Europe nor America at the present time is there any head of a government more thoroughly acquainted with the feeling than is Mr. Cleveland. He respects the people only when they are offering inane at his shrine. At no time nor under any circumstances has he any respect for Congress. His openly avowed view of Congress is that it is a public nuisance, to be removed by the Executive with as much resignation as he can muster, but otherwise to be regarded as something to kick and flout and belittle.

Mr. Cleveland's indorsement of Olney should determine the attitude of Congress towards the Cameron resolution. It should be promptly passed by both Houses after the holidays, and when the President vetoes it, it should be promptly passed over his veto by both Houses.

The issue presented is no longer one of foreign relations, but of constitutional government. If the President is the autocrat he thinks he is, the country should know it. It is certainly not in ignorance of that fact until now. If Congress, which alone has the constitutional power to declare war, to authorize the raising of troops, and to vote supplies for equipping and maintaining them, has no voice in determining the relations of the republic with foreign nations, it is time to learn it, so that this great blunder of the framers of the Constitution may be rectified as soon as possible by a proper amendment. Difficult as it is to amend the Federal Constitution, there can be no doubt that if the autonomy which Mr. Cleveland has set up is actually imbedded in the present Constitution, five-sixths of the States will vote for an amendment that will reduce the President to the proper level of a constitutional administrator of laws passed by the people's representatives.

If Congress hesitates now, it not only consents to a reduction of its own prerogatives and prestige, but it betrays the people, who have heretofore supposed that when they elected a President they chose a servant and not a ruler.

CARLISLE'S REAR END RED LIGHT.
Perhaps the strongest part of Secretary Carlisle's annual report is that in which he refers to the tendency to increased governmental expenditures.

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Trust, but that unscrupulous concern is exceedingly wealthy and powerful. It has even shown that it owned the Congress of the United States.

Congressman Bartholdt insists that it was the "foreign vote" that elected McKinley. It is true that a very large proportion of the foreign, un-American vote was cast for McKinley, and he could not have been elected without it. It is also true that even with the foreign vote McKinley could not have been elected without the colored vote. The Post-Dispatch is constrained to admit that it was the colored vote that did it, though the foreign vote helped.

The infamous Pacific railroad gang should be squelched without delay. The Representative or Senator who stands in with it should be a marked man for the rest of his life. Huntington is depending upon corrupting Congressmen who were not re-elected, but it does not seem possible that, with all the facts that have come to light, the most careless of the retiring statesmen will be so reckless as to sell themselves to this robber.

In the United States in the year past, 506 persons were killed at railway crossings and 575 at railway stations, while only forty persons were killed in collisions. How much of railway mortality is due to carelessness is very clear from these figures. A careful person is safe at any crossing or at any station.

In some of the Washington hotels all the rooms are already engaged for inauguration day. The stories of the grandeur of the President-elect, having an effect. It is the general opinion that Jeffersonian simplicity will be completely knocked out.

Huntington claims to have carried two States for the Canton man and he expects the new Congress to approve his record as a public plunderer, but the new Congress is certainly not bound by any slush fund bargains that Mr. Hanna may have entered into.

It was declared in the Senate yesterday that an American stockholder in an American railroad is a curiosity. Pretty much everything has gone into the hands of foreigners, and we have just decided that we want an un-American Administration.

The collapse of several Chicago banks is followed by the failure of a strong one at St. Paul. Advancing Agent McKinley has tarried in the Northwest too long.

It has been a bad old year in many respects, but it has been a good one for the circulation of the Post-Dispatch, which it has kept far in the lead.

American artillery is on the way to the Cuban island. American guns have for a long time been inclined to go off in the direction of Cuba.

Hanna put his money into Illinois and Illinois increased her vote more than any other State in the Union. It is a very clear case.

New York bankers have become alarmed at the Chicago failures. What has happened to their "confidence" since the election?

Cuba has hung up her stocking at Uncle Sam's mantle in vain. Recognition is to be no holiday present.

Let us hear what the Republicans did with the St. Louis Sedalla capital removal fund.

Mr. McKinley has left Chicago lest more banks should collapse right under his nose.

Largest Joke on Record.
From the Joplin (Mo.) Globe.

The largest joke on record is the one that supposed Vest opposed Francis' confirmation because the latter might try to cause the defeat of the former for re-election to the Senate. Francis cannot control a single vote in the Missouri General Assembly. In this respect Mr. Francis is like all other politicians. As well talk of a giant obstructing the path of the elephant.

A Clever Shopper.
From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Just to see that young fellow plunging through the cold crowd of shoppers! Who is the tall woman following so closely behind him?"

"That's Mrs. Skaggs, and the young man is her nephew. She hires him to go shopping with her. He's the half-back in the college foot ball team. Whew! See him break through the line!"

The Busy Season.
From the Detroit Free Press.

Lady: Thank goodness my shopping is about finished. I have just enough left to buy a Christmas present for my husband.

Proprietor (hurriedly): Here, James, show this lady some of those cheap pen wipers.

The Old, Old Story.
From the Washington Post.

Among the latest importations from Paris are some depressing stories of the marital relations of the Castellanes.

Uncertainties of Magic.
From the Boston Herald.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



GEORGE HAIG.
This is a picture of the rich Englishman who has just married, despite vigorous denials beforehand, Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton, nee Astor, who was conspicuous in society some years ago. Mr. Haig is a member of a big London whisky firm and he and his bride are spending their honeymoon on the Continent.

MEN OF MARK.
Prince Dimitri Khilkov, a Russian nobleman, has followed the advice of Count Tolstoy, and divided his estates among the peasants, reserving but seven acres for his own cultivation.

Rev. Benjamin T. Trege, graduate of Nazareth Seminary, Wisconsin, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church at Saginaw, Mich., and a high churchman, has sent in his resignation, to take effect Jan. 1. He will go upon the stage in Shakespearean roles.

The State of Maine furnished one-eleventh of the Governors chosen last fall in the different States of the Union. They are Lewellyn Powers in Maine, Hassen B. Fingree in Michigan, Frank S. Black in New York and John R. Rogers in Washington.

Thomas W. Wheat, who lives on the Oostanaula River, nine miles from Rome, Ga., dresses in an old Confederate uniform, and says that he is the person who loaded the first cartridge that was fired at Fort Sumter at the outbreak of the war of the rebellion.

Booker T. Washington, principal of the State Normal and Industrial College for Negroes at Tuskegee, Ala., is being vigorously pushed by his negro friends in Georgia and Alabama for a place in Mr. McKinley's Cabinet. Washington has been in the East for some time, ostensibly in the interest of raising funds for the betterment of his school.

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WOMEN OF NOTE.
The female manager of one of the leading insurance companies in California receives \$10,000 a year.

An unmarried woman has made a reputation in Gage County, Neb., as a corn husker, doing seventy-five bushels a day.

Miss Jessie Ackerman now in Baltimore, will soon enter upon her duties as assistant pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church of Chicago.

The notorious Louise Michel, who is really a most kind-hearted and generous as well as a clever woman, has written and arranged for the publication in Paris of a history of the insurance business. She is now in London, and, after a short stay, will start on a lecturing tour in the United States.

Mrs. Emma Forsythe, an American lady who owns 150,000 acres of land in the South Sea Islands, is a most energetic woman, employing several hundred natives as well as many Europeans on her plantation. She was left a widow at 18, with scarcely enough money to exist, but she has since amassed a large fortune.

Miss Shizuo Naruse, the Japanese lady who recently entered the New York Hospital Training School for Nurses as a probationer, was given the nurse's cap on Dec. 4. She is a graduate nurse of the Missionary Hospital School at Doshishi, of which Miss Helen E. Fraser, a native of Canada and graduate of Bellevue Hospital, New York, was Superintendent.

JOKES JUST COINED.
Sister: There, you have candy all over your new suit. What will mamma say?

Little Brother: Well, mamma won't let me have any fun in these clothes till I get 'em spoiled.—Boston Traveler.

Gaffer: Queer never could stand prosperity. Bland: Why? Gaffer: Just as soon as he began to make money the police swooped down and arrested him for counterfeiting.—Philadelphia North American.

A Handy Sign.—Visitor: So this is the deaf and dumb ward? How do you call the pupils to dinner? Superintendent: You don't ring a bell. Superintendent: No. We have a man who walks through the halls wringing his hands.—New York Press.

"Don't you think \$40 a week alimony is a little too much to demand," asked the referee in the divorce case, "when he is only making \$60?" "No, I don't," said the lady. "That's what I used to make him give me while I was livin' with him."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Poignant Grief.—"What one earth are you blowing so hard about, Freddy?" asked the mother of a young fellow who was being whipped by a girl. "Well, what if he did? You've been whipped before, and the occasion doesn't call for such heartrending grief." "But he w-w-w-whipped me with a s-s-switch out from the Christmas s-s-ticks."—Truth.

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Merchants' Dispatch.

No Compromise on Silver.

From the Illinois State Register.
On the ninth page of to-day's State Register will be found expressions by a number of the leading Democrats of the State and nation in opposition to a reorganization of Democracy on any plan of compromise between gold and silver. The views of Gov. Altgeld, Chairman Hinrichs and other well-known Illinois Democrats, make it plain beyond the shadow of a question that the Democratic citizens of this State stand firmly with the State Register as the State Register does with them, in the determination to keep the silver banner to the breeze until bimetallicism is re-established.

No compromise will be tolerated on the silver question. The gentlemen who left the Democratic party last summer and are stated on the third of November to elect McKinley and Tamm will be welcomed back as prodigal brethren as soon as they conclude to come in the spirit of the son who forsook his home, went into a far country and spent his substance in riotous living.

There cannot be two Democratic parties, nor will the Democrats who made the fight for Bryan bimetallicism surrender to the forces for which they made so heroic and so nearly successful a struggle. Let the erring brethren, therefore, forsake the husks of Republicanism, return to the old homestead, buckle on the armor of Democracy, and take place in the ranks of the humble and contrite reformed Democrats of the old school. There is room enough and to spare, in the old mansion, and there will be no new fangled additions nor any remodeling to mar the symmetry and stately proportions of true Democracy.

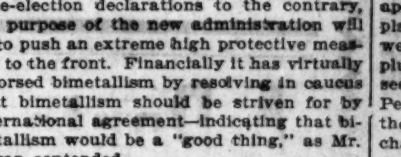
The only alternative that presents itself to our faltering friends is a deeper descent into the mire and clay of political expediency and vulgarity, with its robber tariff, its shirk money system and its strong centralized, monarchal government theories. No Democrat should hesitate to return to the old party and support the old principles the defense of which made the contest of 1896 the crowning glory of its nineteenth century career.

Since the Election.
From the Houston (Tex.) Post.

Houses in great numbers have failed, from one end of the country to the other, wages have been cut down, mills and mines have been closed, prices, except for wheat and a few commodities that annually show a slight increase in consequence of quickened holiday trade, have continued to fall, money is as scarce as ever and general doubt and want of confidence prevail. This is a very different picture from that painted as the certain result of Republican success. In addition we find the Senate admitting its inability to accomplish anything in the way of Republican legislation. In spite of anti-election declarations to the contrary, the purpose of the new administration will be to push an extreme high protective measure to the front. Financially it has virtually indorsed bimetallicism by resolving in caucus that bimetallicism should be striven for by international agreement—indicating that bimetallicism would be a "good thing," as Mr. Bryan contended.

In a word, the victors are at sea, rudderless and without compass, and falling back on old party traditions for their course.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS.



Mr. Julia Marlowe-Tabor's Rosalind is esteemed by many as her most satisfying role. "As You Like It" was produced by the Tabers at the Olympic last night. Mr. Tabor appearing as Orlando. Their work in this play is familiar to the public, so that they were greeted as old friends. There is no plumpness about Mrs. Tabor's Rosalind nor heretofore, but it adds to her charm. Perhaps it might be said as truthfully that the character of Rosalind is a perfect fit and finish in art. Particularly in her meeting with Orlando in the forest was Mrs. Tabor's acting rich with the little graces of voice, expression and manner that bespeak the truth of the true actress. Mr. Tabor's Orlando was, as usual, well received, but of course was overshadowed by the greater importance of the heroine. The rest of the company scarcely rose above mediocrity. Bassett Rose as Jacques was positively bad. His melancholy was both noisy and dyspeptic. "Romeo and Juliet" will be produced this evening.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.
Pines, Holly and Mistletoe Go Into City Homes.

The public markets are not unlike transplanted forests so great are the stocks of Christmas trees, holly and mistletoe were made by sentimental citizens Wednesday. They were taken to the markets and if they were men with growing families they brought young pine trees. As they trudged off home with the green needles disturbing their comfort they were set down by passers-by as actors in the annual Kris Kringle drama. St. Louis has more Christmas trees than any other city in the United States, and this year there will be

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OLIVE ST. 2888—One large front room; one back room, furnished or unfurnished.

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ROOM—Small furnished room for one or two gentlemen; heat, hot and cold water; \$3; Lindell, near Grand. Ad. W. 210, this office.

ROOMS—A lady living alone on side street has rooms for quiet transient couples. Ad. E. 191, this office.

ROOMS—3 front rooms, furnished for housekeeping. 19th and Franklin, over drug store.

WASH ST. 2024—Furnished front room for light housekeeping; \$2.50 per week.

WASHINGTON ST. 2645—Second-story front room and small room connecting; light housekeeping.

WASHINGTON ST. 1013—Nicely furnished front room, \$1.50 to \$2.50 a week, with gas and fire.

WASHINGTON ST. 1728—Heated hall room for boy or young man; \$1 per week.

WASHINGTON ST. 1405—Light housekeeping rooms, with small kitchen, 1st floor; also single room; a bargain.

14TH PINE ST.—Nicely furnished rooms, suitable for sleeping purposes, with fire, \$1.00.

15TH ST. 2074—N. Furnished hall-room in second floor for one guest.

15TH ST. 19—One nicely furnished room for light housekeeping; also nicely furnished hall-room.

FLATS FOR RENT.

14 words or less, 10c.

ARMAND ST. 2611—3-room flat, with water closet. Keely & Co., 1113 Chestnut st.

LICKY ST. 4530—That beautiful flat; 4 rooms, bath, keys at 4405 Easton av.

LINDLELL ST. 3408—Nice 5-room flat, with bath; \$2.50. Keely & Co., 1113 Chestnut st.

LA SALLE ST. 2514—3 nice new rooms, 2d floor. Keely & Co., 1113 Chestnut st.

OREGON ST. 2141—Four-room flat, with bath. Keely & Co., 1113 Chestnut st.

OREGON ST. 1815—4 rooms; bath; hot water. Keely & Co., 1113 Chestnut st.

PAGE ST. 5617—For rent, 5 modern 4 & 5 room flats; rent very cheap if taken at once. Keys at 829 S. 18th st.

THEODORE ST. 1800—Modern corner flat, 3 rooms and bathroom; hot and cold water; rent \$12.

SUBURBAN PROPERTY FOR RENT.

14 words or less, 10c.

ROOF ST. 2611—Beacon Station—6-room detached, large grounds, stable, bath, etc. \$10. Ad. D. 209, this office.

TO LET FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.

14 words or less, 10c.

EASTON ST. 4121—Part of that good old tailor's store, cheap. Inquire Ruler, 4101.

OLIVE ST. 2814—Store and three rooms in rear. Keely & Co., 1113 Chestnut st.

BUSINESS FOR SALE.

14 words or less, 20c.

CONFECTIONERY AND RESTAURANT—For sale, good stand, at a sacrifice if sold at once. 1703 Chestnut av.

NEWSPAPER—For sale, country newspaper and job office; small cash payment. Ad. B. 209, this office.

SHOP SHOP—For sale, a shoe shop with a good business; sickness cause of selling. 1019 W. Washington av.

TO EXCHANGE.

14 words or less, 20c.

WILL SELL or trade an order calling for \$100 worth of merchant tailoring at a medium price; merchant tailoring establishment. Ad. A. 186, this office.

WHAT have you to exchange for merchant tailoring at medium price; merchant tailoring establishment. Ad. A. 186, this office.

LOST AND FOUND.

14 words or less, 10c.

LOST.

COW—Lost, Monday night, red Durham cow; medium size; dehorned; halter and rope on. Return to 4012 Spaulding av. and receive reward.

CUFF BUTTON—Lost, cuff button; monogram C. H. at 18th and Market. Reward at 4009 Forest Park boulevard.

DOG—Lost, tan-colored dog 7 1/2 inches high. Return to 1516 N. 11th st. and receive reward.

DOG—Lost, for service; answers to name of Teaser. Reward at 4009 Forest Park boulevard.

DOG—Lost—Who has seen his neighbor have a strange dog? Male, about 12 inches high, short white hair, with liver colored collar; collar cut on name, Grover; left Sept. 23; reward \$25 for information and return to 1416 S. Compton av.

DOG—Lost, St. Bernard dog. Light color. Reward at 1516 N. 11th st.

PIN—Lost, five-point eastern star pin, Sunday night, of no value to anyone. Return to Mrs. Taylor, Becker & Co., 1113 Chestnut st.

POCKETBOOK—Lost, pocketbook containing \$100 between Angelport and Salisbury st. Finder or person returning to Miss K. Mutch, 550 N. 9th, will receive reward.

POCKETBOOK—Lost, pocketbook containing \$24 and gold wedding ring at 35th and Grove streets, near 35th and Grove. Finder or person returning to Mrs. Schilling, 6012 S. Broadway.

POCKETBOOK—Lost, lady's brown leather pocketbook on Franklin st. between 35th and 10th, about 5 p.m.; Initials A. M. on inside. Liberal reward. Dec. 28, 1938. Miss M

KEEPING COMFORTABLE.

Dr. Abernethy's Advice About How to Go Through the Winter.

"Keep the stomach warm and you cannot only keep the body warm, but go through the winter without any danger of catching cold."

It was Dr. Abernethy, the celebrated English physician, who once gave this advice to a wealthy patient. He was right.

It is a well-known fact that cold has a way of finding out the weak spots in the body and suddenly attacking them. It generally strikes first at the stomach, which is a very sensitive place. It next affects the circulation and makes the blood course feebly through the veins. (That is why people who catch cold have aches and pains, lose their appetite and suffer from indigestion.)

The way to prevent colds is to keep the stomach warm and the blood moving rapidly by the regular use of a pure stimulant. Something should be taken to tone up the system and fortify it against the weakening effects of cold weather. For this purpose nothing is better than Duffy's pure malt whiskey, which is renowned for its stimulating, strengthening qualities. Thousands of men and women who use this whiskey are enabled to escape the dangers of colds, coughs, chills, grip and pneumonia. It frequently happens that unscrupulous dealers attempt to substitute some inferior imitation which they claim is "just like" or "as good as" Duffy's pure malt. There is, however, nothing that can possibly take its place.

CITY NEWS.

How Many Mothers

Worry over their young daughters' poor appetite, irritable nerves, tired feelings, sickly appearance. Possibly they do not know that in "Bilbee's Peptonized Iron and Mangan" they will find the best remedy for such ailments.

Dr. E. C. Chase,
Sixth and Locust. Set of teeth, 25.

ARTISTIC JOB
OF WHITEWASHING.

THE KOENIG PARCE IS ENDED FOR
GOOD AND AYE.

BIG FOUR SMILES BROADLY.

From Start to Finish the Alleged Investigation Was Merely a Mockery of Justice and Good Taste.

The King of France and 10,000 men marched up the hill and then marched down again.

The so-called Koenig Investigating Committee did the same thing.

When the committee was appointed School Director H. C. Koenig vigorously declared that he wanted every matter gone into that had been charged against him as a School Director.

The committee went perfunctorily into the charge that Koenig had knowingly permitted Alexander Waters, his brother-in-law, to pay mechanics 30 cents an hour for school work and collected 40 cents an hour from the board.

They ignored the charge that Koenig, in company with Director Cadmore, visited a school contractor in his room, where was discussed the letting of a school contract for heating apparatus and what there was in it for them, and that Koenig was one of the "Big Four" ready to vote for a proposition in return for a rake-off.

They ignored the charge that Koenig knowingly permitted other repair contractors than Waters, in his district, to pay their men 20 cents and collect 40 cents from the board.

They ignored the charge that he permitted the employment as carpenters on schools in his district, of a sewer-digger, a shoemaker and a blacksmith, at least two of whom were his personal friends.

They even excluded testimony offered to substitute the specific charge made by Bernard Huelmann, as well as questions designed to bring out such testimony when Chairman Collins could discover an excuse for doing so.

Then they certified to the board the stenographer's report of the testimony admitted as least damaging to Koenig and called on the original intention of the dominant element of applying a thick coat of whitewash to Koenig.

The recommendation that the scale of wages allowed by the board on repairs be reduced to conform to the union scale was the only good accomplished by the committee. If the recommendation is carried out, it will reduce the amount stolen by repair contractors 8 cents an hour on each boiler. This is 40 cents a day and about \$14 a year on each man. As an average of 100 repair men a month are employed when the board is in funds, this would effect a considerable saving. This would effect a considerable saving. This would effect a considerable saving.

The recommendation was forced upon the dominant faction by the minority in the committee.

The committee refused absolutely to consider the charges against Waters, although Huelmann's affidavit, was filed with the committee. In the face of this refusal, it went into executive session the suggestion was made that Waters be excluded in the whitewash. It was too ludicrous to be considered.

All the time that the committee was deliberating, Lawyer James L. Hopkins and officials of the Carpenters' District Lodge were waiting their reappearance to pass upon the question of investigating the general charge of fraud against repair contractors exposed by the Post-Dispatch.

The committee, instead of turning to meet this issue, dodged out of the building as quietly as possible, leaving the representatives of the carpenters to wait until the janitor of the building put them out, if they wanted to.

This was in the face of the fact that Huelmann Fuelle, business agent of the Carpenters' Council, testified that the investigation that a man named Ables and his two sons were paid 20 cents an hour by Contractor G. H. Hanson, the day after the committee accepted without formal proof that Hanson would pay 40 cents an hour for each man, with 20 per cent added for supervision.

In addition Contractor Waters admitted to the committee that he collected 40 cents an hour from the board for every man he employed, besides a similar amount for his own work. This is 40 cents an hour, with 20 per cent added for supervision, which means that he paid his men 25 cents an hour.

Even at that he was wrongfully collected from the board 40 cents a day for each man employed.

As one of his vouchers alone, paid subsequent to the election of Koenig, his rake-off, amounted to over \$100, his rake-off must have reached a tidy sum.

The Carpenters' Council state that they can prove that Koenig collected 40 cents a day for each man employed by the committee to do so.

President Bunn says the issue lodged by the special committee is a matter within the province of the Board of Directors. The majority in that body consists of Koenig, Penny and Cadmore, three members of the "Big Four" and John P. Collier, who served as chairman of the investigating committee.

Koenig has friends among the repair contractors. So has Penny. Cadmore's brother, John, is one of the contractors accused. Collier is friendly to all three. The Carpenters' Council now wants another special committee appointed to try the charges of fraud against Koenig, Penny and Cadmore.

JUST A WOODSHED
CAUSED HIS DEATH.

A TRIVIAL QUARREL ENDS IN A
PISTOL MURDER.

FICHT SHOT AT HIS DOOR.

The Slayer When Locked Up Avers
That He Fired the Shot in
Self-Defense.

Deputy Coroner Lloyd held an inquest Wednesday on Frederick Ficht, the grocer, shot and killed by Frederick Heimberg Tuesday evening. Heimberg was held for the killing.

Ficht's death resulted from a family quarrel, whose trivial beginning was out of all proportion to its tragic ending. Ficht kept a grocery store and saloon at 2301 Kosciusko avenue. Heimberg lived next door, at 2305. He is a carpenter and has been unemployed for some time.

The families have lived side by side for six years and had no trouble until Ficht decided to build a shed in his side yard, next to the Heimberg residence.

Ficht told Heimberg he intended to erect a stable. This was said in fun, but Heimberg took it in earnest. He was excited about the matter and threatened to protest against the building of the stable.

Ficht then told him that he was going to build an ordinary woodshed. Heimberg was pacified. He asked Ficht to employ him to build the shed.

Last Monday morning the work was commenced by Joe Grace of 4038 North Grand avenue. Heimberg was furious when he found he would not get the job. He and Ficht had not words and it looked as if they would come together.

Heimberg brooded over his troubles for a day or two. Then he told his neighbors how he had been treated by Ficht. He is said to have made uncomplimentary remarks about Ficht's wife.

Shortly before 6 o'clock Tuesday Heimberg went to Ficht's store to buy some yeast for his wife and some whiskey for himself. Besides Ficht and Heimberg only Joe Grace was in the store at the time. According to his account, when Heimberg entered Ficht accused him of slandering his wife. The two men were separated for while five years ago and Heimberg is said to have talked of this in a manner derogatory to Mrs. Ficht's good name. Grace says that Heimberg walked out of the store and Ficht followed him, telling him that he must not talk about his wife.

They went out on the pavement, where Heimberg pulled his revolver and shot Ficht through the temple. So far as is known there were no eyewitnesses to the shooting. Grace reached the sidewalk just as Ficht fell.

Heimberg walked to the Fair Grounds Station and gave himself up. From there he was taken to the Fifth District Station. Ficht was carried to his room over the store and died an hour later.

Heimberg does not deny the shooting, but says that Ficht struck him and was coming at him in a threatening manner when he fired the shot.

Ficht was well-to-do and highly respected. He owned a number of fine trotting horses and was a member of the Gentlemen's Driving Club.

He was 35 years old and left a wife and two children. Heimberg is 34 years old and has a wife and four children.

QUARRELED WITH "HUBBY."

Then She Tried to Kill Herself With
Laudanum.

Alice Kelly, alias Glatner, 22 years old, an inmate of a house on Clark avenue near Broadway, attempted suicide by taking a large dose of laudanum early Wednesday morning.

She was removed to the City Dispensary, where Dr. Kearney relieved her from danger. She was then sent to the City Hospital. The attempt at suicide was the result of a quarrel between the woman and her husband, Frank Glatner of 301 South Ninth street.

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STREET REPAIRS
CAN NOT BE MADE.

MR. MILNER'S DEPARTMENT IS A
BURST COMMUNITY.

FUND GIVEN HIM TOO SMALL.

He Says That the Work to Be Done in
St. Louis Requires at
Least \$200,000.

Street Commissioner A. N. Milner is getting his force down to a mid-winter and ending the fiscal-year basis. Overseers of construction and inspectors of street railroad construction are being let out as fast as the improvement work which has been in progress is finished up.

There will be no new work begun until spring, and Mr. Milner has no money to pay men for whose services he has no need.

Forty men were dropped from the rolls Tuesday. Of these, 27 were overseers of construction, and the rest were inspectors of street railroad work. There will be no more work for the overseers until spring, but Mr. Milner may find something for the inspectors to do after their release.

The funds of the Street Department are running very low. There remains of the fund for repaving with gravel, cinders and macadam only \$1,643, with the worst four months of the fiscal year yet to come. This amount will permit the department to do very little, and even then it will be entirely exhausted before another appropriation is made in April.

He has received a request for repair from the principal of the Gratiot School, the pupils of which in bad weather have to wade through seas of mud to get to school. But he can do nothing. He has no money for the purpose.

"I hate to think," he said, "of children having to wade through the mud to get to school, but I cannot make walks without money. There is only one remedy that I can think of and that is for the people in mud-ridden sections to make their own ash walks."

If there is one thing of which Mr. Milner is fully persuaded it is that his department receives a shamefully inadequate appropriation.

Last year it was \$150,000. This year Mr. Milner was given only \$100,000 with which to take care of an increased mileage. He has run behind, as he expected he would. Much needed work has to be left undone because there is no money to pay for it. Consequently the department will enter upon the next fiscal year with not only a still greater mileage, but with a large amount of necessary work carried over. Mr. Milner thinks the department should receive at least \$200,000 next year.

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You've stood in the parlor, with your back to the fire, awaiting the coming of charming Maria, while you've murmured softly to yourself, "Why is it that girls are so darn slow fixing up?" You forget that it took you just an hour and forty minutes to slip into the SWELL SUIT you bought from HUMPHREY's and that thirty minutes of that time was consumed in adjusting an elegant FOUR-IN-HAND and giving your HAT the right curl at the brim, and that while you purchased all these good things from the great establishment you couldn't expect them to furnish a man to help dress you! Don't be hard on the girls—they're all right.

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COAL DEALERS HAVE DEMANDED

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ALLEGED UNFAIR TREATMENT.

Men Say That They Cannot Make a

Living and They Might as

Well Quit.

The miners of the Belleville district held

a representative conference at East St. Louis Saturday, at which a scale of prices

was drawn up. It was agreed that unless

their demands were met by the operators,

they would strike. Almost every mine in

the district was represented by at least

one man at the conference, and these re-

ported to the miners at meetings held Sun-

day and Monday evening. The operators

telling how the Christmas presents of this

year compare with last year's in value.

Our Christmas traffic began on the 15th

inst., when the California shipments were

expressed. We have had a great amount

of presents for California this year. To-day

we are delivering the great bulk of presents

being sent and received by St. Louisans this

year than last year. Our force, although

being extra men, is working overtime

and will continue to do so until Christmas

Day.

THE LINE-UP OF THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

